

Deaf Culture Question of the Week – Jan. 3 - 7, 2011  
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If you haven't completed it, please take a moment to do so. You will provide us with valuable feedback. See link at bottom of this week's question.

Which of the states listed below has not adopted standards for licensure/certification of interpreters working in public schools in mainstream settings?

- a) Arkansas
- b) Alabama
- c) Georgia
- d) Louisiana
- e) Washington

Scroll down for the answer.

**Answer: “e”** – Washington state has not adopted standards for licensure of interpreters that work in K-12 education. All the other states listed have standards. The following website lists each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia and explains the status for licensure for interpreters including interpreters that work in K-12 education. The dominant test used to determine the skills of interpreters working in K-12 education is the EIPA (Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment) although some states use local or regionally developed tests usually called something like Quality Assurance tests. A few states use the National Interpreter Certification (NIC) test developed jointly by the National Association of the Deaf and the Registry for Interpreters for the Deaf.

View the status of interpreter certification by state at the following website:

<http://www.360translations.com/burnsat/stateregs2.htm>

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